

The Odisha Gazette

EXTRAORDINARY
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

No. 35, CUTTACK, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2015 /PAUSA 17, 1936

[No. 34160-RDM-RRC-POLICY-0014-2014/R&DM.]

REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 5th January, 2015

Sub: Exemption of water cess tax amounting to ` 5225.00 crores payable by Odisha Hydro Power Corporation (OHP) Ltd.

Water cess/ tax amounting to ` 5225.00 crores (Rupees Five thousand two hundred and twenty-five crores) only have been raised by Water Resources Department against Odisha Hydro Power Corporation (OHP) Ltd. in accordance with the provisions of the Odisha Irrigation Act, 1959 and in terms of rule-23 of the Odisha Irrigation Rules, 1961 towards temporary use of water for power generation during the period from 1996-1997 to September, 2010.

2. OHP Ltd. have found it hard to pay the amount raised by Water Resources Department as they do not have the means to pay the said amount and accordingly requested Energy Department for waiver of the same. Besides, the said amount was not taken into account while approving the tariff rate of OHP Ltd. by Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission. If made to pay now, OHP Ltd. would be constrained to transfer the burden to the electricity consumers by way of increase in rates of tariff as an additional cost over and above the present cost.

3. In consideration of the request of OHP Ltd., Energy Department had moved Revenue & DM Department, being the administrative Department for administration of the Odisha Irrigation Act, 1959 and rules made thereunder, to waive out the said amount.

4. The Water Resources Department have also agreed to the proposed waiver of the said amount vide their URO No.799/SWR., dated the 20th February, 2013.

5. Keeping in view the interest of the electricity consumers of the State, the Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to approve the proposal for exemption of water cess/ tax amounting to ` 5,225/- croreS (Rupees Five thousand two

hundred and twenty-five crores) only raised by Water Resources Department against Odisha Hydro Power Corporation (OHPC) Ltd. towards use of water for power generation during the period from 1996-1997 to September, 2010.

6. This has been concurred in by Finance Department vide their UOR No. 682/MF. & PE., dated the 7th October, 2013 and State Cabinet have approved the proposal in their meeting held on 8th September, 2014.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copies thereof forwarded to all Departments of Government/ all Heads of Departments for information.

By order of the Governor

Dr. TARADATT

Additional Chief Secretary to Government